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- corporation, government or governmental subdivision or agency, 6 business trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, or any other legal entity.
- SEC. 14. Section four point one (4.1), Code 1971, is amended by 1 adding the following new subsections: 2
- 3 1. "If a statute refers to a series of numbers or letters, the first 4 and the last numbers or letters are included."

2. "'Child' includes child by adoption."

- 3. "If there is a conflict between figures and words in expressing 6 7 a number, the words govern."
- 4. "'Preceding' and 'following' when used by way of reference to a chapter or other part of a statute means the next preceding or next 8 9 following chapter or other part."

 5. "A quorum of a public body is a majority of the number of 10
- 11 members fixed by statute." 12

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6. "Rule' includes regulation."
7. "Words in the present tense include the future."
8. "'United States' includes all the states." 16

9. "The word 'week' means seven consecutive days."

10. "The word 'year' means twelve consecutive months." 17

Unless otherwise specifically provided by the general assembly, whenever the following words are used in a statute hereafter en-18 19 acted, their meaning and application shall be: 20

1. The word "shall" imposes a duty. 21

2. The word "must" states a requirement. 22

3. The word "may" confers a power. 23

Approved May 24, 1971.

CHAPTER 78

PAYMENT OF STATE CLAIMS

H. F. 283

AN ACT relating to the payment of claims.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- SECTION 1. Section eight point fifteen (8.15), Code 1971, is amended as follows:
- 3 8.15 Vouchers. Before a warrant shall be issued for any claim payable from the state treasury, there shall be filed an itemized, certified voucher which shall show in detail the items of service, expense, thing furnished, or contract upon which payment is sought or in lieu of the claimant's certification on the voucher, there may be attached 8 the claimant's certified original invoice to a department's approved voucher if the invoice shows in detail the items of service, expense,
- thing furnished, or contract upon which payment is sought and the

11 claimant's statement that no part of the invoice has been paid.

Vouchers for postage, stamped envelopes, and postal cards may be audited as soon as an order therefor is entered.

Approved May 5, 1971.

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Italics indicate new material added to existing statutes; brackets indicate deletions from existing statutes. However, see Editor's note, page iii.

CHAPTER 79

MIDWEST NUCLEAR COMPACT

S. F. 365

AN ACT to provide for this state to enter into the midwest nuclear compact. Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. The midwest nuclear compact, hereinafter called "the compact", is hereby enacted and entered into with all other states legally joining therein, in the form substantially as follows:

ARTICLE I-POLICY AND PURPOSE

The party states recognize that the proper employment of scientific and technological discoveries and advances in nuclear and related fields and direct and collateral application and adaptation of processes and techniques developed in connection therewith, properly correlated with the other resources of the region, can assist substantially in the industrial progress of the midwest and the further development of the economy of the region. They also recognize that optimum benefit from nuclear and related scientific or technological resources, facilities and skills requires systematic encouragement, guidance, assistance, and promotion from the party states on a cooperative basis. It is the policy of the party states to undertake such cooperation on a continuing basis. It is the purpose of this compact to provide the instruments and framework for such a cooperative effort in nuclear and related fields, to enhance the economy of the midwest and contribute to the individual and community well-being of the region's people.

ARTICLE II-THE BOARD

(a) There is hereby created an agency of the party states to be known as the "midwest nuclear board", hereinafter called "the board". The board shall be composed of one member from each party state designated or appointed in accordance with the law of the state which he represents, and serving and subject to removal in accordance with such law. The law of each state also shall make specific provision for the appointment of alternates who are authorized and empowered to act for and on behalf of the board member in his absence. The designating or appointing authority promptly shall inform the board of the identity of its member thereon, designated alternate or alternates, and changes therein. If more than one alternate is designated, the designating authority also shall inform the board of the order in which the alternates are empowered to act.

(b) Upon invitation of the board, federal agencies may be represented on the board without vote, if statutory or administrative provision within the federal government is made therefor.